

Testimony Supporting

S.B. 383, An Act Increasing the Applicable Percentage of the Earned Income Tax Credit
H.B. 5403, An Act Establishing A Child Tax Credit Against the Personal Income Tax

Committee on Finance, Revenue, and Bonding

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Dear Senator Fonfara, Representative Scanlon, Senator Martin, Representative Cheeseman, and members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee:

I, Jesse Delia, support both S.B. 383, “An Act Increasing the Applicable Percentage of the Earned Income Tax Credit,” and H.B. 5403, “An Act Establishing A Child Tax Credit Against the Personal Income Tax.”

S.B. 383 would increase the Connecticut earned income tax credit (CT EITC) from 30.5 percent of the federal EITC to 41.5 percent, and H.B. 5403 would establish a Connecticut child tax credit (CT CTC) of up to \$600 per child.

Increasing the CT EITC would make the state’s tax system fairer and help working-class families make ends meet.

Putting more money into the pockets of families who need it the most is important to be because children and families deserve to have ready access to healthy food, safe housing, and opportunities for learning and growth. Additional funds will help offset the unfair tax system that leaves working class families in the horrible position of struggling to access what should be basic needs, affordable to all CT families.

If we are able to implement a Connecticut child Tax Credit, I believe a greater range of families would be able to access Summer enrichment opportunities like the kinds that I participate in as an educator and program director, opening up learning opportunities in a time where many children are experiencing learning losses due to the pandemic.

Expanding the CT EITC and establishing the CT CTC are both essential to make Connecticut’s tax system fairer and make our state more economically just for families. Please support the passage of these 2 critical bills.

Thank you,
Jesse Delia